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that a hospital might be established at Alagiapandiapuram, the central point of the taluk, or that the hospital at Sitapal might be shifted to Alagiapandiapuram as the works at Sitapal were almost over.

Dewan's reply.—When the Tovala Works are over and the P. W. hospital at Sitapal is closed, you may represent matters to Government, and the opening of a dispensary at Bhuthapandy will then be considered.

118. The early completion of the Tovala Channel.

Mr. Syed Mahomed Ibrahim Pilla (Member, Nominated) prayed that the Tovala Channel might be completed very soon.

Dewan's reply.—We are getting on with it as expeditiously as we can.

AGASTISWARAM TALUK.

119. Removal of certain agricultural impediments in the Agastiswaram taluk.

Mr. C. Vairavanatha Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that, on account of the scouring sluices being in a state of disrepair, and owing to the existence of the Mission dam, 2,000 acres of paddy land situated on both sides of the Pazhayar river were submerged and the agriculturists sustained great loss. The Member requested that three scouring sluices might be opened in the Pillapattu dam, that the kal feeding the Mission lands might be deepened, and the Mission dam itself ordered to be removed, so as to prevent the silting up of the Pazhayar river.

Dewan.—The necessary investigation is being made.

120. Investing the Tahsildar of Agastiswaram with Magisterial jurisdiction over the Suchindram pidagai etc.

Mr. C. Vairavanatha Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that the *pukuthies* of the Agastsiwaram Taluk had lately been placed under the jurisdiction of the Kottar Magistrate. So, misdeeds in the Suchindram temple, a very important one in the State, would have to be checked by a Magistrate far away from Suchindram. By the time the reports of the misdeeds reached the Magistrate, evidence was likely to be suppressed and the guilty left unpunished. Therefore, the Member prayed that the Tahsildar of Agastiswaram might be given the Magisterial jurisdiction over the Suchindram *pidagai*, as otherwise it would be difficult to control effectually the Suchindram temple affairs.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

121. The abolition of the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute, Nagercoil.

Mr. M. Subramonia Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute at Nagercoil was a very useful institution in imparting instruction in technical subjects. The abolition of the institution was indeed very lamentable. He therefore requested that either the G. O. No. 1854, dated 27--8--09,

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abolishing the institution, might be modified and the institution maintained by Government as was done before, or that its management might be entrusted to the people.

Dewan's reply.—The decision of Government has been come to after careful consideration. The question cannot be re-opened.

122. Extension of the Nagercoil Town and the question of its water supply.

Mr. Paul Daniel (Member, T. I. C., Nagercoil) said that the population of the town was increasing every year. The educational and other public institutions in the place drew towards it every year a large number of people from the surrounding villages, who settled there for the education of their children, for employment in the institutions and offices and for menial work. By this and by natural multiplication, the population of the town was increasing by leaps and bounds. But he stated that there was no corresponding increase in the available area of the town. The Member represented that certain parts remained congested, not because there was no room for extension, but only for want of a few roads and wells in localities where there was extensive space for building. He suggested that there was unlimited scope for expansion in the west and southwest and the land in that direction was most favourable for building, as it rose much higher than the valley in which the present town was situated. He requested that the town might be expanded towards the west and the southwest to remove the congestion of the present town. The Member also pointed out that the inhabitants of the town were suffering a great deal for want of good drinking water. The Member suggested the following scheme for the supply of good drinking water to the town from the waters of the Patchipara. As more than two-thirds of the houses in the town were on low ground, they could be easily supplied with water from a reservoir constructed at a little distance and furnished with filtering apparatus; and the people were prepared to pay a reasonable tax. In conclusion, he submitted that the scheme was feasible and worth the careful consideration of the Government there was real need, and the water was at hand; much of the town was low and the cost was not likely to be prohibitive

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

ERANIEL TALUK.

123. Construction of branch kals from the Thiruvankode Channel.

Mr. P. Krishna Pillai (Member, Eraniel Taluk) said that the land-holders in Nattalam, Killiyur and Patharai were subject to great hardship, owing to the absence of agricultural facilities. He requested

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